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Introduced by:
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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF ADVANCED PRACTICE
REGISTERED NURSES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 20-87a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2013*):

4 (b) Advanced nursing practice is defined as the performance of
5 advanced level nursing practice activities that, by virtue of [postbasic]
6 post-basic specialized education and experience, are appropriate to
7 and may be performed by an advanced practice registered nurse. The
8 advanced practice registered nurse performs acts of diagnosis and
9 treatment of alterations in health status, as described in subsection (a)
10 of this section, and [shall] may collaborate with [a physician licensed to
11 practice medicine in this state] other licensed health care providers. In
12 all settings, the advanced practice registered nurse may [, in
13 collaboration with a physician licensed to practice medicine in this
14 state,] prescribe, dispense and administer medical therapeutics and
15 corrective measures and may request, sign for, receive and dispense

16 drugs in the form of professional samples in accordance with sections
17 20-14c to 20-14e, inclusive, except [that] an advanced practice
18 registered nurse licensed pursuant to section 20-94a and maintaining
19 current certification from the American Association of Nurse
20 Anesthetists who is prescribing and administering medical
21 therapeutics during surgery may only do so if the physician who is
22 medically directing the prescriptive activity is physically present in the
23 institution, clinic or other setting where the surgery is being
24 performed. [For purposes of this subsection, "collaboration" means a
25 mutually agreed upon relationship between an advanced practice
26 registered nurse and a physician who is educated, trained or has
27 relevant experience that is related to the work of such advanced
28 practice registered nurse. The collaboration shall address a reasonable
29 and appropriate level of consultation and referral, coverage for the
30 patient in the absence of the advanced practice registered nurse, a
31 method to review patient outcomes and a method of disclosure of the
32 relationship to the patient. Relative to the exercise of prescriptive
33 authority, the collaboration between an advanced practice registered
34 nurse and a physician shall be in writing and shall address the level of
35 schedule II and III controlled substances that the advanced practice
36 registered nurse may prescribe and provide a method to review
37 patient outcomes, including, but not limited to, the review of medical
38 therapeutics, corrective measures, laboratory tests and other diagnostic
39 procedures that the advanced practice registered nurse may prescribe,
40 dispense and administer.] An advanced practice registered nurse
41 licensed under the provisions of this chapter may make the
42 determination and pronouncement of death of a patient, provided the
43 advanced practice registered nurse attests to such pronouncement on
44 the certificate of death and signs the certificate of death [no] not later
45 than twenty-four hours after the pronouncement.

46 Sec. 2. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 20-9 of the general statutes
47 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
48 *October 1, 2013*):

49 (a) No person shall, for compensation, gain or reward, received or
50 expected, diagnose, treat, operate for or prescribe for any injury,
51 deformity, ailment or disease, actual or imaginary, of another person,
52 nor practice surgery, until he has obtained such a license as provided
53 in section 20-10, and then only in the kind or branch of practice stated
54 in such license.

55 (b) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

56 (1) Dentists while practicing dentistry only;

57 (2) Any person in the employ of the United States government while
58 acting in the scope of his employment;

59 (3) Any person who furnishes medical or surgical assistance in cases
60 of sudden emergency;

61 (4) Any person residing out of this state who is employed to come
62 into this state to render temporary assistance to or consult with any
63 physician or surgeon who has been licensed in conformity with the
64 provisions of this chapter;

65 (5) Any physician or surgeon residing out of this state who holds a
66 current license in good standing in another state and who is employed
67 to come into this state to treat, operate or prescribe for any injury,
68 deformity, ailment or disease from which the person who employed
69 such physician, or the person on behalf of whom such physician is
70 employed, is suffering at the time when such nonresident physician or
71 surgeon is so employed, provided such physician or surgeon may
72 practice in this state without a Connecticut license for a period not to
73 exceed thirty consecutive days;

74 (6) Any person rendering service as (A) an advanced practice
75 registered nurse if such service is rendered in [collaboration with a
76 licensed physician] accordance with section 20-87a, as amended by this
77 act, or (B) an advanced practice registered nurse maintaining

78 classification from the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists if
79 such service is under the direction of a licensed physician;

80 (7) Any nurse-midwife practicing nurse-midwifery in accordance
81 with the provisions of chapter 377;

82 (8) Any podiatrist licensed in accordance with the provisions of
83 chapter 375;

84 (9) Any Christian Science practitioner who does not use or prescribe
85 in his practice any drugs, poisons, medicines, chemicals, nostrums or
86 surgery;

87 (10) Any person licensed to practice any of the healing arts named
88 in section 20-1, who does not use or prescribe in his practice any drugs,
89 medicines, poisons, chemicals, nostrums or surgery;

90 (11) Any graduate of any school or institution giving instruction in
91 the healing arts who has been issued a permit in accordance with
92 subsection (a) of section 20-11a and who is serving as an intern,
93 resident or medical officer candidate in a hospital;

94 (12) Any student participating in a clinical clerkship program who
95 has the qualifications specified in subsection (b) of section 20-11a;

96 (13) Any person, otherwise qualified to practice medicine in this
97 state except that he is a graduate of a medical school located outside of
98 the United States or the Dominion of Canada which school is
99 recognized by the American Medical Association or the World Health
100 Organization, to whom the Connecticut Medical Examining Board,
101 subject to such regulations as the Commissioner of Public Health, with
102 advice and assistance from the board, prescribes, has issued a permit
103 to serve as an intern or resident in a hospital in this state for the
104 purpose of extending his education;

105 (14) Any person rendering service as a physician assistant licensed
106 pursuant to section 20-12b, a registered nurse, a licensed practical

107 nurse or a paramedic, as defined in subdivision (15) of section 19a-175,
108 acting within the scope of regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-
109 179, if such service is rendered under the supervision, control and
110 responsibility of a licensed physician;

111 (15) Any student enrolled in an accredited physician assistant
112 program or paramedic program approved in accordance with
113 regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-179, who is performing
114 such work as is incidental to his course of study;

115 (16) Any person who, on June 1, 1993, has worked continuously in
116 this state since 1979 performing diagnostic radiology services and who,
117 as of October 31, 1997, continued to render such services under the
118 supervision, control and responsibility of a licensed physician solely
119 within the setting where such person was employed on June 1, 1993;

120 (17) Any person practicing athletic training, as defined in section 20-
121 65f;

122 (18) When deemed by the Connecticut Medical Examining Board to
123 be in the public's interest, based on such considerations as academic
124 attainments, specialty board certification and years of experience, to a
125 foreign physician or surgeon whose professional activities shall be
126 confined within the confines of a recognized medical school;

127 (19) Any technician engaging in tattooing in accordance with the
128 provisions of section 19a-92a and any regulations adopted thereunder;

129 (20) Any person practicing perfusion, as defined in section 20-162aa;
130 or

131 (21) Any foreign physician or surgeon (A) participating in
132 supervised clinical training under the direct supervision and control of
133 a physician or surgeon licensed in accordance with the provisions of
134 this chapter, and (B) whose professional activities are confined to a
135 licensed hospital that has a residency program accredited by the

136 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or that is a
137 primary affiliated teaching hospital of a medical school accredited by
138 the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. Such hospital shall
139 verify that the foreign physician or surgeon holds a current valid
140 license in another country.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	20-87a(b)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	20-9(a) and (b)

Statement of Purpose:

To remove the requirement that advanced practice registered nurses practice in collaboration with a licensed physician.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]